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In re Application of  
Philippe Sauer et al  
Serial No.: 09/341,119  
Filed: November 18, 1999  
Attorney Docket No.: P63712US0

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: PETITION DECISION TO RESTART  
: PERIOD FOR REPLY  
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This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed January 17, 2002, requesting restarting of the period for reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a Final Office action to applicants on October 19, 2001, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants state that they did not receive the Office action until January 17, 2002, more than two months after the mail date thereof, and provide copies of the docketing receipt stamped first page of the Office action as evidence thereof. Applicants' statement and evidence are acceptable and the period for reply will be adjusted accordingly.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The period for reply to the Office action mailed October 19, 2001, is hereby restarted as of applicants' date of receipt, January 17, 2002. The time period for reply remains as set therein.

1-28-02

By note Mailed by [signature]

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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